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Report of the Preparatory Committee for the high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 64/199 of 21 December 2009, decided that the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the high-level review would be convened during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with Commission resolution 17/2 of 15 May 2009.[1]

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters on 10 May 2010. It held two meetings (1st and 2nd, effectively the 12th and 13th meetings of the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development).

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 9* (E/2009/29), chap. I, sect. B.

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3. At the 1st meeting, on 10 May, the Chair of the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala, opened the session and made an opening statement.

4. At the same meeting, the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made introductory statements.

B. Attendance

5. The session was attended by the representatives and observers attending the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (see document E/CN.17/2010/INF/1).

C. Documentation

6. The Preparatory Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy (E/CN.17/2010/9).

III. Review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy

7. At the 1st meeting, on 10 May (12th meeting of the Commission) the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

8. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Grenada (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Tuvalu (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Australia, the United States of America, China, Antigua and Barbuda, Guatemala, Cape Verde, Japan, Mauritius, India, Tuvalu, Italy, Barbados, Maldives, Solomon Islands, the United Republic of Tanzania, Samoa, Fiji and Mexico.

9. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the following major groups: workers and trade unions; children and youth; non-governmental organizations; and indigenous people.

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 10 May (13th meeting of the Commission), statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and Indonesia.

11. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the women's major group.

Procedural matters pertaining to the high-level meeting

12. At the 2nd meeting, on 10 May (13th meeting of the Commission), a statement was made by the representative of the Division for Sustainable Development.

13. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Barbados.

Action taken by the Preparatory Committee

14. At its 2nd meeting, the Preparatory Committee had before it a draft decision on the organization of the high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which was contained in an informal paper.

15. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Grenada (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Gabon, Barbados and Jamaica.

16. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the Secretary.

17. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft decision (see para. 18 below).

IV. Matter calling for action by the General Assembly

Draft decision for adoption by the General Assembly

18. The Preparatory Committee for the high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Organization of the high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 64/199 of 21 December 2009, requests the President of the General Assembly to conduct further consultations with Member States with a view to resolving the pending procedural aspects of the high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States to be held on 24 and 25 September 2010.